

When is the FCC going to do something about that collection of idiots known as Clear Channel? Three times this year DJs at clear Channel have encouraged motorists in Cleveland, Houston and Raleigh to harass and assault bicyclists with their vehicles. Earlier this fall a Clear Channel DJ made racial comments about a city council member in Boston.

After each incident Clear Channel made half-hearted apologies but low and behold the same crap pops up at another Clear Channel station a few weeks later only to be followed by another half-hearted apology.

This may be dismissed as freedom of speech and "animated banter" as a Clear Channel regional vice president described it in an email but it isn't funny. There are actually weak-minded individuals who take this "animated banter" to heart and follow up on it. In the Chapel Hill, NC area shortly after their broadcast encouraging motorists to assault cyclists a motorist did exactly what the Clear Channel DJs suggested. They used their car in an attempt to force a cyclist off the road. Luckily the cyclist wasn't injured but as a cyclist who has had similar experiences I can assure you that it is not a pleasant experience to have a motorist buzz you so close that their rear view mirror strikes you as they pass.

The FCC may choose to ignore Clear Channel's antics but cyclists aren't. They are appealing to Clear Channel advertisers who are dropping their sponsorship of Clear Channel stations. Perhaps this will get Clear Channel's attention?

It's time for the FCC to step in and pressure Clear Channel to stop this irresponsible behavior. Clear channel's behavior isn't amusing or funny. It incites an irresponsible element of society to attack and assault other citizens.

What's next for Clear Channel? Apparently it's OK to make racially charged comments and call for violence against other citizens. What will be next? How about calling for violence against women and children? Muslims? Jews? FCC employees? Where does it stop?

Is there nothing the FCC can do to get the attention of Clear Channel?